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Prices began the week unchanged and continued unchanged throughout the week. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best into scattered features. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with sellers not concerned about additional inventories. Breaking stock prices were lower while checks and undergrades were unchanged. Demand was light with limited offerings. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules were mostly full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type hen offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-7 cents, mostly 0-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to fairly good and better into scattered features. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to long. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings in the Central states usually light. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52
LARGE	44-54	45-48
MEDIUM	31-41	33-36

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment continued in a steady position. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were usually limited for the light demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-70	56-59
LARGE	49-63	54-58
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	61.50	60.00	49.00
SOUTHEAST	61.50	59.50	48.00
MIDWEST	54.00	51.50	42.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	69.50	62.50	51.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	62.02	58.54	47.91

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	02-22-05	02-15-05	02-24-04
Large	27-36	32-41	70-77
Medium	14-20	22-28	57-61

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- February 22, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.8	21.7	9.4	12.4	12.4	70.7
	Change	3.1	2.0	1.0	0.8	-0.2	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.6	54.0	13.2	31.0	36.4	166.2
	Change	1.7	-7.0	2.4	-1.6	2.1	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	76.8	174.3	64.8	117.2	126.5	559.6
	Change	9.1	16.5	4.5	9.3	-2.9	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.4	71.8	17.3	28.6	38.3	169.4
	Change	1.4	-3.1	-5.1	1.8	3.6	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	13.3	6.3	3.1	8.1	4.4	35.2
	Change	9.2	0.0	0.1	2.6	-0.1	50%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.4	20.5	7.2	13.8	5.4	53.3
	Change	-0.9	-2.1	-2.1	1.2	0.0	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.6	59.9	43.3	35.1	32.3	198.2
	Change	-0.8	1.9	13.2	3.0	5.4	13%
Total	Curr Wk	183.9	408.5	158.3	246.2	255.7	1252.6
Percent	Change	14%	2%	10%	7%	3%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1252.6	6%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	239.9	6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1492.5	6%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 19-FEB-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,237,180	30,390	11,764	6,064	2,544	4,324
PW	1,196,713	28,020	11,842	6,423	2,563	4,149
LY	1,165,061	27,022	11,468	6,415	2,667	3,977
% CHG PWK	3	8	-1	-6	-1	4
% CHG LY	6	12	3	-5	-5	9
2005	8,610,570	205,053	84,516	45,079	20,861	30,346
2004	8,040,997	187,110	79,042	44,033	19,016	28,525
% CHG YTD	7	10	7	2	10	6

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.47	42.14	41.96
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.97	38.68	38.54

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	FEB 12	FEB 19	FEB 12	FEB 19
	Thousand			
AL	29,976	30,075	21,630	21,582
AR	31,083	31,217	24,929	25,078
DE	3,929	3,927	*5,314	5,222
FL	1,343	1,359	1,500	1,540
GA	33,521	33,448	26,377	26,820
KY	7,237	7,226	*6,347	6,034
LA	4,044	4,044	3,830	3,814
MD	8,900	8,947	*4,745	5,514
MS	19,558	19,465	18,184	17,890
NC	18,623	18,651	14,668	14,893
OK	6,467	6,306	5,258	5,065
PA	*4,065	4,051	*2,878	3,017
SC	5,316	5,180	4,722	4,560
TX	15,131	15,202	12,813	12,766
VA	5,980	6,424	5,385	5,220
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,379	17,833	*17,003	16,491
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19 State Total	*213,552	213,355	*175,583	175,506
Previous Year Total	208,421	209,844	167,265	167,390
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	105	105

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 02-Apr-05 is estimated at 161.6 million head. This compares to 160.6 million head the previous week and to 156.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.77 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/17/05-02/23/05

CURRENT LDS 143.50 FUTURE LDS 52.75 TOTAL LDS 196.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.00	36.00	32.50	33.83	—	35.00	10.00
GNR W 2	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	23.00	25.50	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	55.00	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	54.00	56.00	53.50	54.00	5.00
GL W XL	—	46.00	43.00	46.28	43.02	47.00	51.25
GL W LG	—	45.25	38.93	44.00	39.21	40.25	33.50
GL W MD	26.00	31.63	28.00	30.55	27.80	28.29	40.00
GL W SM	25.25	28.25	24.00	26.00	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	28.00	26.00	29.00	27.50	32.30	58.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 19-FEB-05

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW	PCT CHG PW LY	
Atlanta	24.9	21.9	14	-1	
Boston	3.3	3.5	-6	-13	
Chicago	68.7	60.0	15	16	
Detroit	28.9	28.7	1	13	
Kansas City	8.9	2.3	287	78	
Los Angeles	98.8	86.6	14	0	
New Orleans	7.4	8.0	-8	-4	
New York	28.4	31.4	-10	-3	
St. Louis	15.9	14.8	7	-11	
San Francisco	19.6	18.6	5	-1	
Total	304.8	275.8	11	4	
4 Week Moving Avg.	296.8				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 19-FEB-05

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,427	2,489	38	7	3,961
Avg Wt	15.94	38.46	25.27	34.08	30.21
Last week	1,539	2,489	9	1	4,038
Same wk yr ago	1,651	2,507	31	6	4,195
Avg Wt	15.58	36.23	25.96	34.06	28.02
To-date/2005	10,760	17,632	210	32	28,634
To-date/2004	11,724	17,010	246	48	29,028

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 19-FEB-05 (Preliminary)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	729	-3	23.36	(A)	731	23.36
South Atlantic	554	-11	34.94	(A)	556	34.94
North Central	1,915	1	34.00	(A)	1,916	34.00
South Central	458	0	22.62	(A)	459	22.62
West	298	-2	25.41	(A)	299	25.41
U.S. total	3,954 (B)	-2	30.21	7	3,961	30.21
To-date						
2005	28,602 (B)			32	28,634	
To-date						
2004	28,980 (B)			48	29,028	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 38,000; for the current year to date 210,000; for last year to date 246,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 19-Feb-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	156,653	1,277	1,161	2,438	462
Avg Wt	5.16	3.23	7.79	5.40	6.71
Last week	154,449	1,305	1,246	2,551	455
Same wk yr ago	152,287	1,291	1,314	2,605	480
Avg Wt	5.05	3.29	7.91	5.62	6.78
To-date/2005	1,094,548	9,757	8,674	18,431	3,501
To-date/2004	1,073,294	9,125	8,979	18,104	3,170

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.6 million head, or 4.2 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-05

CLASS	Current Week 02/26/05(1)	Previous Week 02/19/05
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	159,306(2)	162,454
Light hens	1,519	1,389
Heavy hens	1,364	1,322
Total	162,189	165,165

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Feb-05 is 163.4 million head compared to 154.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.6 million head or 3.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-Mar-05 the estimated available is 163.0 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
January	15	161.4	158.8	102%	5.25
	22	151.2	161.5	94%	5.33
	29	159.7	162.4	98%	5.28
February	5	158.5	162.5	98%	5.35
	12	156.3	162.1	96%	5.29
	19	158.6	162.8	97%	5.16
Year to date		1107.9	1125.0	98%	
February	26		163.4		
March	5		163.0		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 21-FEB-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.56	41	68.35	72	
Los Angeles	80.00	79.08	64	75.47	149	
New York	67.00-70.00	69.71	24	68.00	58	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	21-FEB-2005	14-FEB-2005	14-FEB-2005	23-FEB-2004
Change from	71.47	.10	71.37	75.09

NUMBER OF LOADS 567

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	64	64.00	20
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	62-63	62	62.00	20
CENTRAL REGION	62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	63	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	02/21/05	3,565	86,513	42,297
AM	02/01/05	3,613	78,113	44,671
CHG		-48	8400	-2374
PCT CHG		-1%	11%	-5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 21-FEB-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.25-13	12.19
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11.5-12.75	11.97

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

Feb 18, 2005	REMOVAL COST	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-11	8-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-7	0-5

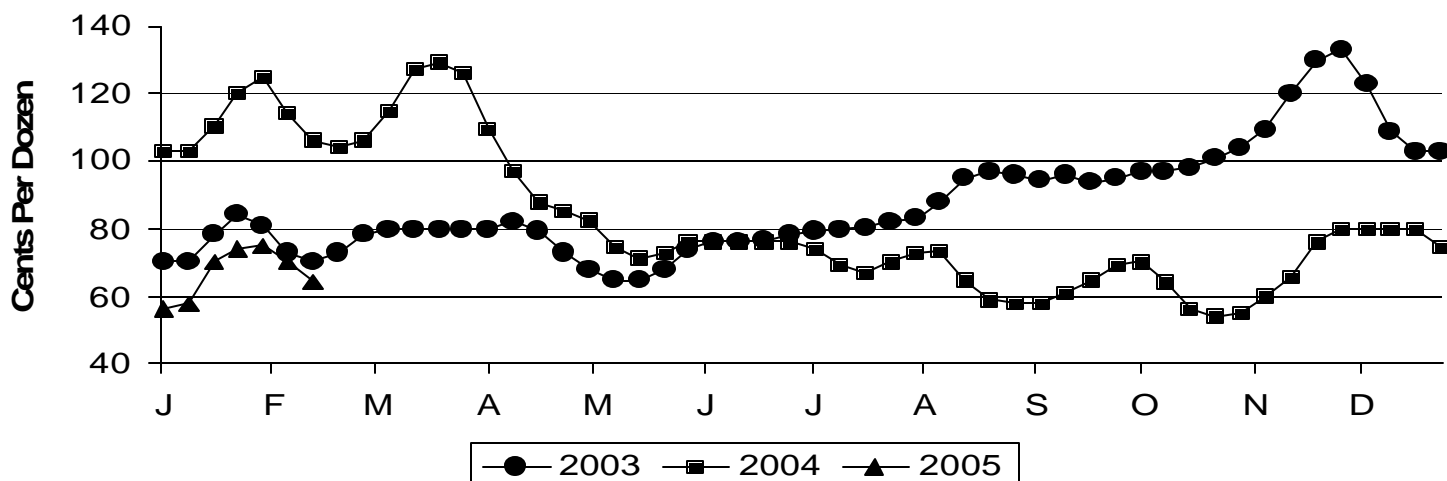
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)
W/E 19-Feb-2005

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	243.0	1	5
East North Central	585.1	0	6
West North Central	281.1	1	2
South Atlantic	217.2	2	2
South Central	67.1	9	-4
West	209.4	14	7
Total	1602.9	3	4

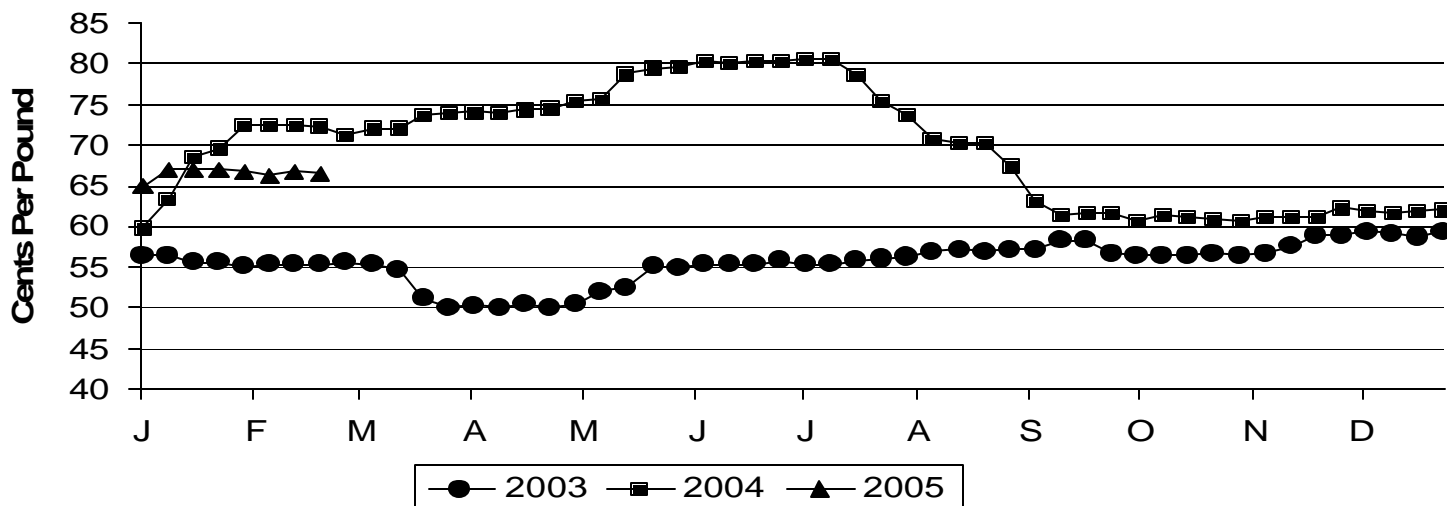
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86
Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

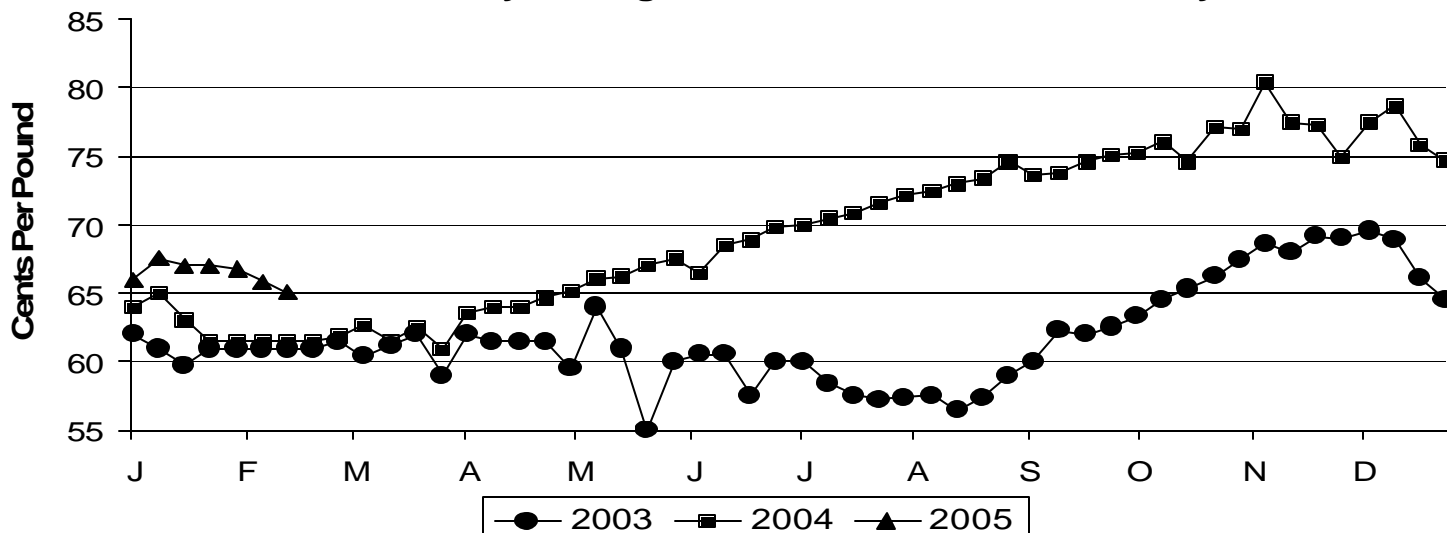
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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